

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING

*The melancholy intelligence of the death of James Madison, Ex-President of the United States.*

JUNE 30, 1836.

WASHINGTON, June 30, 1836.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the melancholy intelligence of the death of James Madison, ex-President of the United States. He departed this life at half past six o'clock on the morning of the 28th instant, full of years, and full of honors.

I hasten this communication in order that Congress may adopt such measures as may be proper to testify their sense of the respect which is due to the memory of one whose life has contributed so essentially to the happiness and glory of his country, and to the good of mankind.

ANDREW JACKSON.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

June 30, 1836.

The message from the President of the United States having been read, Mr. Patton moved the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed on the part of this House to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report by what token of respect and affection it may be proper for the Congress of the United States to express the deep sensibility of the nation to the event of the decease of Mr. Madison, just announced by the President of the United States to this House.

This resolution was agreed to unanimously, and the following named members were appointed of the committee on the part of the House:

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Mr. PATTON, of Virginia,  
 MASON, of Maine,  
 CUSHMAN, of New Hampshire,  
 ADAMS, of Massachusetts,  
 TOUCEY, of Connecticut,  
 PEARCE, of Rhode Island,  
 ALLEN, of Vermont,  
 WARD, of New York,  
 PARKER, of New Jersey,  
 ANTHONY, of Pennsylvania,  
 MILLIGAN, of Delaware,  
 WASHINGTON, of Maryland,  
 DEBERRY, of North Carolina,  
 GRIFFIN, of South Carolina,  
 COFFEE, of Georgia,  
 JOHNSON, of Kentucky,  
 DUNLAP, of Tennessee,  
 MCLENE, of Ohio,  
 RIPLEY, of Louisiana,  
 CARR, of Indiana,  
 CLAIBORNE, of Mississippi,  
 REYNOLDS, of Illinois,  
 LYON, of Alabama, and  
 HARRISON, of Missouri.

Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. RIVES, of Virginia,  
 CLAY, of Kentucky,  
 CALHOUN, of South Carolina,  
 GRUNDY, of Tennessee,  
 BUCHANAN, of Pennsylvania,  
 LEIGH, of Virginia, and  
 TALLMADGE, of New York.

Same day, Mr. Patton, from the joint committee, reported as follows :

The President of the United States having communicated to the two Houses of Congress the melancholy intelligence of the death of their illustrious and beloved fellow citizen, James Madison, of Virginia, late President of the United States, and the two Houses sharing in the general grief which this distressing event must produce,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled,* That the chairs of the President of the Senate and of the Speaker of the House of Representatives be shrouded in black during the present session, and that the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the members and officers of both Houses wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved,* That it be recommended to the people of the United States to wear crape on the left arm, as mourning, for thirty days.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to Mrs. Madison, and to assure her of the

profound respect of the two Houses of Congress for her person and character, and of their sincere condolence on the late afflicting dispensation of Providence.

This report, upon being read, was unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives, and on the same day a message was received from the Senate, announcing the adoption of the same by that body.